

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

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	3.	JP 62-172905	07-29-1987	Matsushita Denko KK		
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	5.	JP U 3072722	08-09-2000	KK Kureitsu		

## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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